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A NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR DIANNE JACOB

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New Fiscal Year Brings Big Benefits To East County Residents



July 1st marks the beginning of San Diego County's new fiscal year – and the Board of Supervisors is starting the new year right! This year's budget is the culmination of several years of change resulting in a smaller, more efficient County government which, once again, focuses on public safety as the #1 priority. It's fiscally conservative, honestly balanced, structurally sound, and fully reserved!

Overall, we're spending \$105 million less than last year, with 1,827 fewer employees. We cut \$215 million in welfare handouts by moving record numbers of people from welfare to work! The crime rate is continuing to fall — down 44% since 1988! And, we continue to invest in our kids with \$1.5 million for after-school programs during those critical hours when the highest percentage of juvenile crime occurs. This County is in the best fiscal health ever, buoyed by an A+ bond rating and a budget in which one-time revenues pay for one-time costs and ongoing revenues pay for ongoing costs. In addition, we have just completed a series of successful negotiations with all County employee unions. Our hard-working County employees will soon receive well-earned pay raises with a Pay-For-Performance program!

At the same time, we're making it easier to do business in the unincorporated areas of the County by eliminating the business license tax! Plus, we set aside funds for building trails, a Backcountry Revitalization program, more books and hours for libraries, and equipment for the

Sheriff's Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) program. But it doesn't stop there!

The budget also includes projects in the unincorporated communities from Agua Caliente Springs to Rancho San Diego. Here's just a sample of what to look for in your neighborhood:

Agua Caliente Springs

At one of the most north-eastern points of the Second Supervisorial District, Agua Caliente Springs is known for the therapeutic value of its natural hot springs. Next year, watch for more than \$200,000 in improvements to the pool area.

Alpine

Two park projects — the Community Center Playground and the school park — totaling \$450,000 will mean more opportunities for kids in Alpine. Also in the neighborhood, watch for library hours to increase!

Campo

Not only will the Campo library remain open with more hours each week, but the fire hydrants at Rancho Del Campo will be replaced to improve water pressure and fire protection for the community!

Casa de Oro

If you live in Casa de Oro, a major road improvement project to watch for is the South Bonita Street project. The \$200,000 project includes new curbs, gutters, and a sidewalk between Buena Vista Drive and Campo Road. Also in the neighborhood, watch for library hours to increase and a \$3.9 million drainage project along Campo Road from South Barcelona Drive to Kenwood Drive.

Crest

As part of a joint project with the Cajon Valley Union School District, the County will provide \$150,000 for a multi-pur-

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pose room at Crest Elementary School. Not only will the new building be able to serve the entire student body, but it will be available for use by the community for other activities!

Descanso

Not long ago, Descanso residents celebrated the opening of a new library! The 192 square foot building, which was believed to have been the smallest library in the United States, was even relocated to the new property for extra storage. Now, users of the new 1,900 square foot facility can watch for increased hours!

Guatay

Residents can look forward to 4 miles of new bike lanes along Old Highway 80 from Highway 79 to Pine Creek Road as a result of more than \$1 million in funds approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Harbison Canyon

For residents of the Harbison Canyon area, watch for more than \$350,000 worth of improvements at Old Ironsides Park. Included in the project are new playground equipment, new picnic tables and benches, new barbecues, new water fountains, new garbage can stalls, and new walkways from the Community Hall to the parking lots, restrooms, picnic and playground areas. In addition, the Community Hall will be repainted, the roof repaired, and security will be improved.

Jacumba

Little more than a year ago, Jacumba residents celebrated the Grand Opening of a beautiful new library. In the coming year, watch for library hours to increase! In addition, \$112,000 was approved to get the water line project completed.

Julian

Tourists and locals can look forward to changes in Julian — from new showers in the tent-area restrooms at William Heise Park to \$212,000 for the completion of the Julian High School Athletic Field renovation and \$65,000 for the completion of the Community Center. In addition, there will be increased hours at the library!

Lakeside

Lindo Lake Park is set for more changes this year —

with new playground equipment, parking lot improvements and a new well to ensure a stable water supply to the park's namesake — Lindo Lake. Plus, at nearby El Monte Park, the restrooms will be renovated. Also funded — design work for new curbs, gutters, and sidewalks along Parkside Street.

Pine Valley

A major change Pine Valley residents may watch for is an increase in the library hours — a great asset for children, families and senior citizens!

Potrero

Just like Pine Valley residents, those who live in Potrero should watch for increased hours at the library. In addition, funding was approved to start design work for a new library!

Ramona

Ramonans "in the know" are probably already aware of the changes planned at Collier Park — with funding for a Teen playground and for the design of a basketball court to be located behind the Boys & Girls Club in the park! In addition, San Diego Country Estates residents will benefit from a new Sheriff's storefront station.

Rancho San Diego

Rancho San Diegans have a lot to look forward to in the community! Funding was approved to complete Woodhaven Park and the Jamacha Boulevard improvements. The 6-lane Jamacha Boulevard project will service the new Rancho San Diego Towne Center opening later this year to include theaters, shops, and restaurants.

So, whether you live in Casa de Oro or Jacumba — or anywhere in between — don't blink! The new fiscal year just started and San Diego County is on the fast track to bring you, the taxpayers, the benefits of a faster, cheaper, and better County government!

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Border County Coalition Formed Jacob and Cox to Represent San Diego County

San Diego, CA – Officials from County governments located along the United States / Mexico Border gathered on June 25 and 26, 1998, in San Diego County to discuss issues they share as Counties along the border and develop strategies to respond to them. After the two days of talks, the representatives from Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas agreed to form a United States / Mexico Border County Coalition (USMBCC), consisting of representatives of the 25 counties along the border.

Supervisor Dianne Jacob, who, along with Supervisor Greg Cox, will serve as San Diego County's representative on the USMBCC said, "The San Diego County Board of Supervisors has been active in the fight to focus attention on the problems created by years of failed border policies. Our voices will be louder and our impact greater as we extend our reach from the Pacific Ocean all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. I am so pleased my counterparts along the border agree!"

Supervisor Greg Cox, whose Supervisorial district includes the Otay Mesa and San Ysidro ports of entry said, "Whether its combatting communicable diseases that

traverse the international border, or dealing with the impacts of illegal immigration, establishing a unified front and developing a comprehensive strategy will best serve our mutual interests."

The meeting, which took place at the County Administration Center, was facilitated by Santa Cruz County, Arizona, Board Chairman Ron Morriss.

According to Morriss, "The strong interest indicated by the number of county officials who participated illustrates the need for collaboration among my colleagues along the border. We are facing unique challenges just by virtue of geography. By working together, we will be able to combine our limited political and fiscal resources to develop effective solutions."

All those who attended agreed that the formation of the Coalition was a positive first step. Now, officials will begin work on common problems such as illegal immigration and work to pursue Federal reimbursement to local taxpayers for the costs of these problems.

Supervisor Dianne Jacob proudly serves the communities of:

Agua Caliente Springs ♦ Allied Gardens ♦ Alpine ♦ Barrett ♦ Blossom Valley ♦ Bostonia ♦
Boulevard ♦ Campo ♦ Canebrake ♦ Casa de Oro ♦ Crest ♦ Cuyamaca ♦ Dehesa ♦ Del Cerro ♦
Descanso ♦ Dulzura ♦ El Cajon ♦ Eucalyptus Hills ♦ Fernbrook ♦ Flinn Springs ♦ Granite Hills ♦
Guatay ♦ Harbison Canyon ♦ Jacumba ♦ Jamul ♦ Julian ♦ La Mesa ♦ Lake Morena ♦ Lakeside ♦
Lemon Grove ♦ Mount Laguna ♦ Mount Helix ♦ Pine Hills ♦ Pine Valley ♦ Potrero ♦ Poway ♦
Ramona ♦ Rancho San Diego ♦ Rolando ♦ San Carlos ♦ Santa Ysabel ♦ Santee ♦ Shelter Valley ♦
Spring Valley ♦ Tecate ♦ Tierra del Sol ♦ Vallecitos

...and the Indian reservations of:

Barona ♦ Campo ♦ Cosmit ♦ Cuyapaipe ♦ Inaja ♦ Jamul ♦ La Posta ♦ Manzanita ♦
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